I have not heard from Mr. Dilke for upwards of two years and hearing that the Athenæum is no longer edited by him I suppose it possible that he may have changed his occupation and perhaps his residence. Will you oblige me by finding him and inform of the opportunity mentioned by Mrs C to write that I am anxious to hear from him, that I wrote to him recently through Mr Gordon of the firm of J. De Lizardi & Co of London with directions to send my Letter by special messenger — I am the more anxious to communicate with Mr Dilke because I desire to publish a memoir of my brother John with some of his poems, and I hope through Mr Dilke's assistance and advice to have the important undertaking performed in a proper manner — I will visit England as soon as I can leave my time can be well spent in bringing to completion that work of that work —

I am still much absorbed in business and great difficulty in arranging to leave Louisville — I have managed to weather successfully the numerous changes of the times, and am thriving in my pecuniary affairs

dated Louisville
26 Nov 1886.